Increase in intrusion of Militants on Pakistan border

*630. SHRIJANESHWAR M1SHRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the intrusion of Militants is increasing continuously on the Pakistan border despite the deployment of forces in the area;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Pakistani forces have destroyed a number of bunkers of India during last few days; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Bunkers of both sides do get damaged or destroyed in the firing. As per reports available, during the period of 1.1.2002 to 20.2.2002, the number of Pakistan Bunkers destroyed and damaged are 28 and 11 respectively. During the same period, 12 Indian bunkers were destroyed and 9 were damaged.

Frequent incurrence of espionage by Pak remote pilotless planes

631. DR.DASARINARAYANARAO:

SHRIK.C.KONDAIAH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether espionage by Pakistani remote pilotless planes have increased on Indo-Pak border in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last three months; and

(c) what concrete steps Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) A total of eight (8) Pakistani Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (U AVs)

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